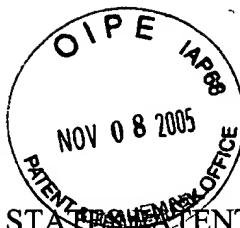


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 09/942,596)
Filed: August 31, 2001)
For: METHOD FOR ANALYZING)
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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed October 4, 2005.

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

While the Advisory Action does not enter any new rejections, the Advisory Action states that the Amendment After Final Rejection dated September 23, 2005 may raise the issue of new matter. This statement is respectfully traversed.

With respect to the language "a plurality of image template patterns," Applicants respectfully submit that such language is supported throughout the instant specification. For example, page 8, line 13 describes n pieces of template patterns (with n being 2 or greater), and page 10, line 27 describes n pieces of template patterns (with n being 3 or greater).